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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 28TH GA - FORMIN KIM'S VIEWS

1. FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION NEGOTIATIONS
WITH CHINESE ON FORMULA FOR KOREAN GA ITEM, AMBASSADORS
SCALI AND BENNETT CALLED EVENING NOV. 9 ON FOREIGN MINISTER
KIM, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR PARK. SINCE WE HAD
CONSULTED STEADILY WITH KOREANS DURING NEGOTIATING PROCESS,
THEY WERE ALREADY AWARE OF DRAFT STATEMENT AGREED ON.

2. IT WOULD NOT BE AN EXAGGERATION TO DESCRIBE FOREIGN
MINISTER KIM'S STATE OF MIND AS EUPHORIC. HE REPEATEDLY
EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE OVER LANGUAGE THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED
AND COMMENTED THAT HE HAD NOT DARED TO BELIEVE CHINESE WOULD
BE SO FORTHCOMING. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION IN FERVENT
TERMS TO SCALI FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE
AND SAID THESE RESULTS BORE OUT HIS OWN CONVICTIONS OF A
GOOD MANY MONTHS NOW THAT US/CHINESE AGREEMENT WOULD BE
KEY TO SUCCESSFUL HANDLING OF KOREAN ITEM IN 28TH GA.

3. IIM WENT ON TO DESCRIBE CONTENTS OF AGREED TEXT
WITH CHINESE AS "DAWN OF A NEW ERA." HE SAID HE BELIEVED
THIS WOULD TURN OUT TO BE HISTORIC MOMENT FOR
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KOREAN PENINSULA, THAT WE WERE IN EFFECT TURNING A PAGE
IN KOREAN HISTORY. HE HOPED THIS EXAMPLE OF ABILITY TO
ACHIEVE REASONABLE COMPROMISE WOULD LEAD ON TO PROFITABLE
EXCHANGES BETWEEN ROK AND DPRK AND THAT BETTER ATMOSPHERE

COULD MAKE POSSIBLE REAL PROGRESS TOWARD BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA. HE SAID HE ALSO VENTURED TO HOPE THAT WITH THIS EVIDENCE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND CHINA IN BACKGROUND, US WOULD BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE CHINESE TOWARD MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE WITH RESPECT ROK.

4. KIM SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN MODALITIES WORKED OUT WITH CHINESE FOR HANDLING OF ISSUE AS WE APPROACH FIRST COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION. SCALI EXPLAINED CHINESE SENSITIVITIES OVER POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT BEING REGARDED AS US-CHINESE DEAL HANDED TO OTHERS AS FINISHED PRODUCT. (CHINESE ALSO HAD INDICATED FEAR THAT THIS MIGHT THREATEN TO UNRAVEL CONSENSUS.) WE HAD AGREED WITH CHINESE SUGGESTION THAT NORTH KOREANS WOULD DESIGNATE ONE OF THEIR CO-SPONSORS TO GO ALONG WITH ONE OF OUR SIDE'S CO-SPONSORS TO ARRANGE FOR CHAIRMAN TO PRESENT AGREED STATEMENT BEFORE COMMITTEE. LANGUAGE WOULD BE PRESENTED AS HAVING RESULTED FROM CONSULTATION AMONG INTERESTED MEMBERS ON BOTH SIDES OF ISSUE. IN THAT CONNECTION SCALI DREW CONTRAST, WHICH HE CONSIDERED HAD NOT BEEN LOST ON CHINESE, BETWEEN OUR CONTINUOUS CONSULTATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREANS ON BASIS OF TWO EQUALS DURING OUR NEGOTIATING PROCESS WITH CHINESE AND CHINESE STATEMENT THAT THEY HAD BEEN "ENTRUSTED" BY NORTH KOREANS TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT. RESULT WAS THAT CHINESE HAD NOT ONCE DURING ENTIRE PROCESS FELT IT NECESSARY TO CONSULT NORTH KOREANS.

COMMENT: IF SOME OF ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE EXCITED REPORTING, IT IS ONLY TELLING IT LIKE IT WAS TONIGHT WITH KIM. WE HOPE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT TODAY WITH CHINESE WILL HOLD, AND THAT TONE OF DEBATE WILL BE REASONABLY CONSISTENT WITH LANGUAGE OF AGREED STATEMENT. AS WE RECOGNIZED WITH KIM TONIGHT, SOVIET ATTITUDE IS AN UNCERTAINTY; IN THIS RESPECT CHINESE APPEARED CONFIDENT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE FULL NORTH KOREAN AGREEMENT WITH AND SPONSORSHIP OF THEIR FORMULATION AND THAT THIS WOULD KEEP OTHER CO-SPONSORS OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN LINE.

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